

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant :** Frederick Marcel Van Der Vliet  
**Serial No. :** Not Yet Assigned  
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**Title :** IMPROVED OPTICAL SPLITTER WITH TAPERED MULTIMODE INTERFERENCE WAVEGUIDE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAILSTOP: PCT**

**Commissioner of Patents**  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Please preliminary amend the application as follows. Amended paragraphs and a version of all pending claims and their current status are presented having necessary markings to show the changes made in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper